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4. (Confidential - JMM) Informed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant of the House Appropriations Committee, Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Bill Woodruff, Counsel of the Senate Appropriations Committee, of plans for the Director's appearance before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. None seemed to find any major problems.

5. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who said that Chairman Russell had asked Woodruff to see Chairman Stennis, of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and suggest Stennis, in Russell's absence, convene a meeting of our two Subcommittees, probably Friday, 20 March. Woodruff said that if Stennis was unable to do so, Russell wanted Ellender to convene the CIA Appropriations Subcommittee alone. Woodruff said that Russell felt strongly that our Subcommittees should promptly be informed of the situation in Laos, and apparently contemplated not covering any other matters. Woodruff remarked that Senator Margaret Chase Smith would probably soon be added to our Appropriations Subcommittee and would be invited to attend the session.

6. (Confidential - JMM) Called Bert Tollefson, Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs AID, and gave him a rundown of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Friday, 13 March. Tollefson was aware of the Director's conversation earlier today with Administrator Hannah of AID, and I said I hoped that this brought everybody up-to-date and they would receive no more questions [REDACTED] Tollefson said he had heard nothing from the Committee so far and hoped the matter was closed.

7. (Confidential - JMM) Called Russ Blandford, Ralph Preston, Bill Woodruff and Ed Braswell and briefly summarized the highlights of the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Laos on Friday, 13 March 1970. [REDACTED]

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